

REMARKS

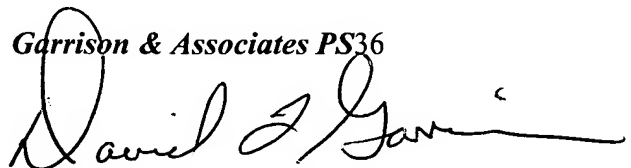
The office action indicates claims 10, 11, 17, and 18 contain allowable subject matter if appropriately rewritten. The applicant submits amendments to the claims in an earnest effort to rewrite the claims as suggested and provide allowable claims. Other claims have been canceled. Claim 6 now has all limitations of claims 8, 9, and 10. Claim 6 has also been rewritten to eliminate the "means plus function" language, opting instead for positive recitation of structural limitations. Claim 13 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 17 except the geometrical configuration of the door stop striker plate, which does not appear to be critical for patentability. Certain redundancies in the claims have been corrected.

It is believed that the claims, as set forth above, comply fully with the Examiner's comments and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully urged.

Should the Examiner find that any matters remain for resolution, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (206) 441-3440.

Respectfully submitted,

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